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In re Patent Application of:

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For: USE OF BNP DURING STRESS TESTING

FOR THE DETECTION AND RISK

STRATIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH

SUSPECTED CORONARY ARTERY

DISEASE

Examiner: C. M. Borgeest

## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, please consider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the arguments contained herein:

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